

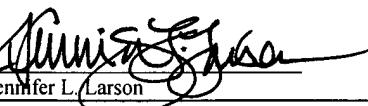


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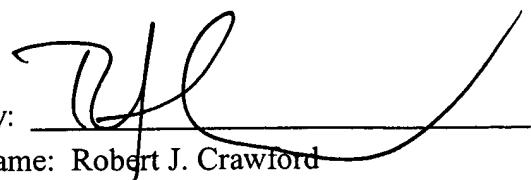
This communication is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated March 15, 2005, in which a restriction requirement was made. Applicant maintains the election of the claims of Group I (claims 1-20, 23 and 26) and withdraws the previous election made on November 9, 2004, of the species which is identified in the Office Action as being directed to a first embodiment directed to heating the substrate to two hundred fifty Celsius.

Applicant elects Species C, which is identified in the Office Action as being directed to a third embodiment directed to heating the substrate to three hundred sixty Celsius (corresponding to claims 1-9, 12-15, 17-20, 23 and 26). As such, Applicant traverses the characterization of the categories to the extent that the Office Action would be construed to deem these alleged species of Group I as being incompatible with one another and without evidence as to the technical reasoning in support thereof.

To the extent that this listing of claims may be deemed as not recognizing the basis for the additional election of species requirement, Applicant submits that the Office Action does not articulate any such rationale; and notwithstanding the above, Applicant submits that this Response satisfies the requirements of the restriction.

Should a telephone call help to facilitate examination of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 651/686-6633, extension 101.

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